in compilation of details of all these enquiries may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served. The Commission is empowered to take appropriate action in scuch cases as per the relevant provisions of the MRTP Act.

Prices of tyres

946. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of all varieties of tyres have risen considerably during the last three years; if so, what are the details thereof during the years 1984, 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987; and

(b) what steps Government are taking or propose to take in order to control tyre prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Tyre companies increased the net dealers prices of bus/truck tyres in March, 1984 Thereafter, the tyre manufacturers raised the net dealers prices of all varieties of tyres in January-March, 1985 and in May 1986. There has been no increase in the net dealers prices since May, 1986. The market prices of truck tyres, however, have shown an upward trend in recent months.

(b) Tyres are not subject to any price and distribution control. However, Government have been interacting with the industry in this regard. Government may consider import of tyres if the need arises.

Foreign collaboration granted in Electrical Industry

947. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign collaborations granted during 1985-86 and 1986-87 in Electrical Industry;

(b) the names of Indian Companies with their foreign collaborators and items of manufacture;

(c) whether the indigenous technology is not upto the mark in the electrical industry; and

(d) if so, Research and Development efforts made by the Government for technological development and transfer of tchnology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In the year 1985, 205 foreign collaboration approvals were granted for electrical equipment industry. In 1986 the number of approvals was 175.

(b) Information regarding all approved foreign collaborations indicating the names of Indian and Foreign firms, items of manufacture and nature of collaborations are published by the Indian Investment Centre (under the administrative control of Ministry of Finance). Copies of this publication are also regularly sent to the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Indigenous technology in the field of electrical industry is reasonably well developed. However, technical collaborations are allowed to enable the indigenous manufacturers to update the existing technology for meeting changing market requirements. In addition to the Research & Development efforts through the Laboratories under the administrative control of the Government, encouragement is also provided through various schemes for Research & Development by the Industry as well as for absorption of imported technology.

Violation of regulations by reliance industries

948. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) since the launching of any kind investigation for alleged violation of regulations by Reliance Industries Limited, whether any additional licences, sanctions, permissions have been granted to this concern for expansion or for new ventures; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and it would be laid on the Table of the House.

Space power generators

949. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the recently concluded Hanover Trade Fair held in West Germany, space power generator was also displayed by the Indian Scientists;

(b) whether it is a face that this generator can generate three times more power in comparison with other generators;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this type of generator has also been manufactured and offered to Tarapur Power Atomic Plant; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government propose to introduce space power generators in our country also and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) In reply to an earlier question No. 659, Minister of State for Science and Technology, Atomic Energy, Space, Electronics and Ocean Development had informed the Rajya Sabha on 23.4.1987 that an engineer of the Department of Atomic Energy demonstrated a machine that claims to produce power from empty space. Certain experiments using unconventional ideas are being carried out around the world.

Contract for second spreaders project of Neyveli Lignite Corporation

950. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the Starred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the award of the contract for spreaders of such huge capacity and tonnage has been given by the Board of Directors of Neyveli Lignite Corporation to an inexperienced group of companies/ firms who never manufactured or built up the same earlier;

(b) whether the KFW-the West Germany's financial agency did not agree with the said decision of the NLC;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what was the primary reason for entertaining such inexperienced group at the huge cost of national exchequer and which are the members of the Board of Directors who have taken personal guarantee in the event the awardee fails to perform the contract?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was no disagreement between KFW and NLC.

(d) Does not arise.

Contract by NLC to M/s. MAN

951. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 97 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th April, 1987 and state:

(a) when advance money equal to 10 per cent of the contract amount was remitted to M/s. MAN;